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Physiology of Endocrine Pancreas (2)

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INTENDED LEARNING OBJECTIVES (ILO)



By the end of this lecture the student will be able to:

1. Explain the consequences of deficient insulin secretion or insulin action.
2. List the physiological effects of glucagon.
3. Enumerate factors that regulate glucagon secretion.
4. Describe the physiologic effects of somatostatin in the pancreas.
5. List the anti-insulin hormones.
6. Summarize the hormones that affect the plasma glucose

Consequences of Insulin Deficiency

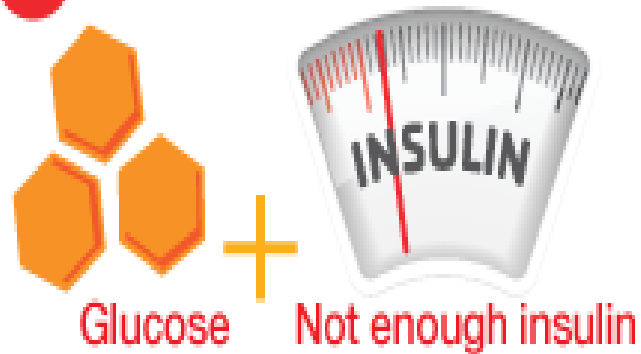


- The constellation of abnormalities caused by insulin deficiency is called **diabetes mellitus** which is due to a deficiency of the effects of insulin at the tissue level.

TWO TYPES OF PROBLEMS

IN DIABETES

1 Insulin insufficiency



2 Insulin resistance



Deficiency of insulin effects at tissue level

Consequences of Insulin Deficiency



	Juvenile diabetes = Type I = IDDM	Maturation onset diabetes = Type II = NIDDM
1- Age of onset:	Occurs in children (<20 years).	Occurs in adulthood (> 40 years).
2- Incidence:	Account for 10-20% of all cases	Account for 80-90% of all cases
3- Cause:	Total or partial lack of insulin secretion due to autoimmune destruction of beta cells.	Inability of cells to respond to insulin released from the pancreas (insulin resistance), due to down regulation of insulin receptors.
4- Family history:	-ve family history (rare)	+ve family history

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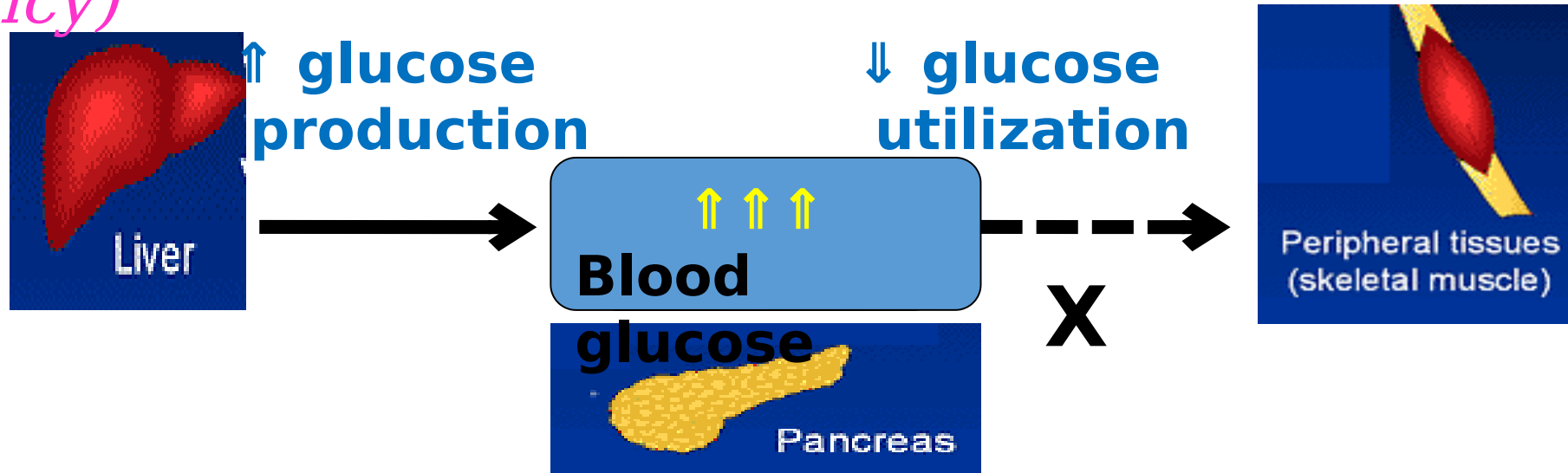


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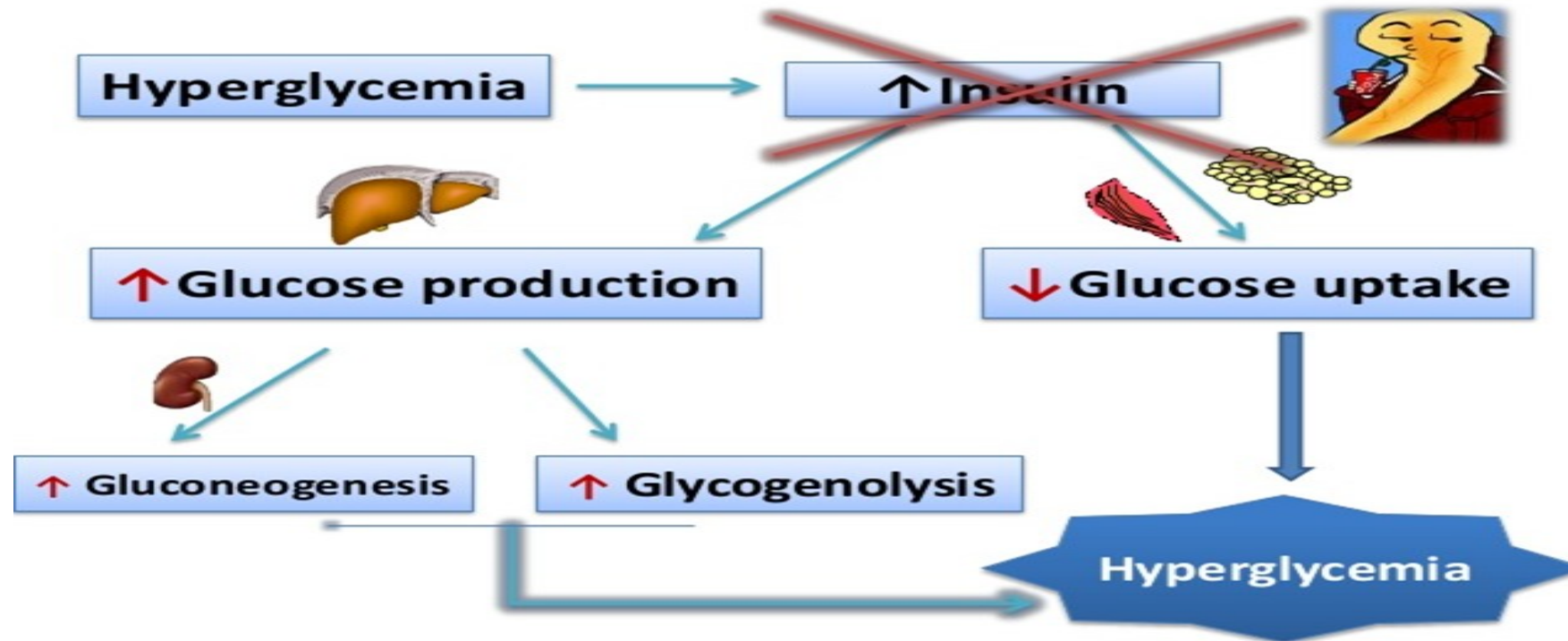
Hyperglycemia:

Due to decreased peripheral glucose utilization by cells & increased hepatic glucose output

(extracellular glucose excess + intracellular glucose deficiency)



Causes of hyperglycemia in DM:



I. Decreased peripheral glucose disposal (uptake) by muscles & adipose tissue due to: Lack of insulin.

II. Increased hepatic glucose output due to:

1- Enhanced gluconeogenesis (↑ lipolysis → glycerol & catabolism → amino acids)

2- Enhanced glycogenolysis.

3- Increased glucagon.

Consequences of Insulin Deficiency



Effects of Hyperglycemia:

1. Polyuria (passage of large volumes of urine)

Hyperglycemia \rightarrow glucosuria (as the renal capacity for glucose reabsorption is exceeded) \rightarrow excretion of the osmotically active glucose molecules \rightarrow loss of large amounts of water (osmotic diuresis).

2. Polydipsia (excessive drinking)

Dehydration \rightarrow osmotic diuresis activates the mechanisms regulating water intake \rightarrow polydipsia.

3. Polyphagia (increased appetite)

Due to decreased glucose uptake by satiety center so feeding center is not inhibited.

Consequences of Insulin Deficiency



Effects of Hyperglycemia:

4. Weight loss.

For every gram of glucose excreted, 4.1 kcal is lost from the body +.....??

5. ↑ HbA_{1c}

When plasma glucose is elevated over time, small amounts of hemoglobin A are non

enzymatically glycosylated to form HbA_{1c}

6. Recurrent infections.

7. Long-term complications of diabetes e.g retinopathy, nephropathy & peripheral neuropathy.

Consequences of Insulin Deficiency



II. Changes in protein

metabolism:

(-) protein synthesis, **protein depletion** and wasting.

because, in the absence of insulin □ less protein synthesis occurs in muscle □ □ the supply of amino acids for gluconeogenesis

III: Changes in fat

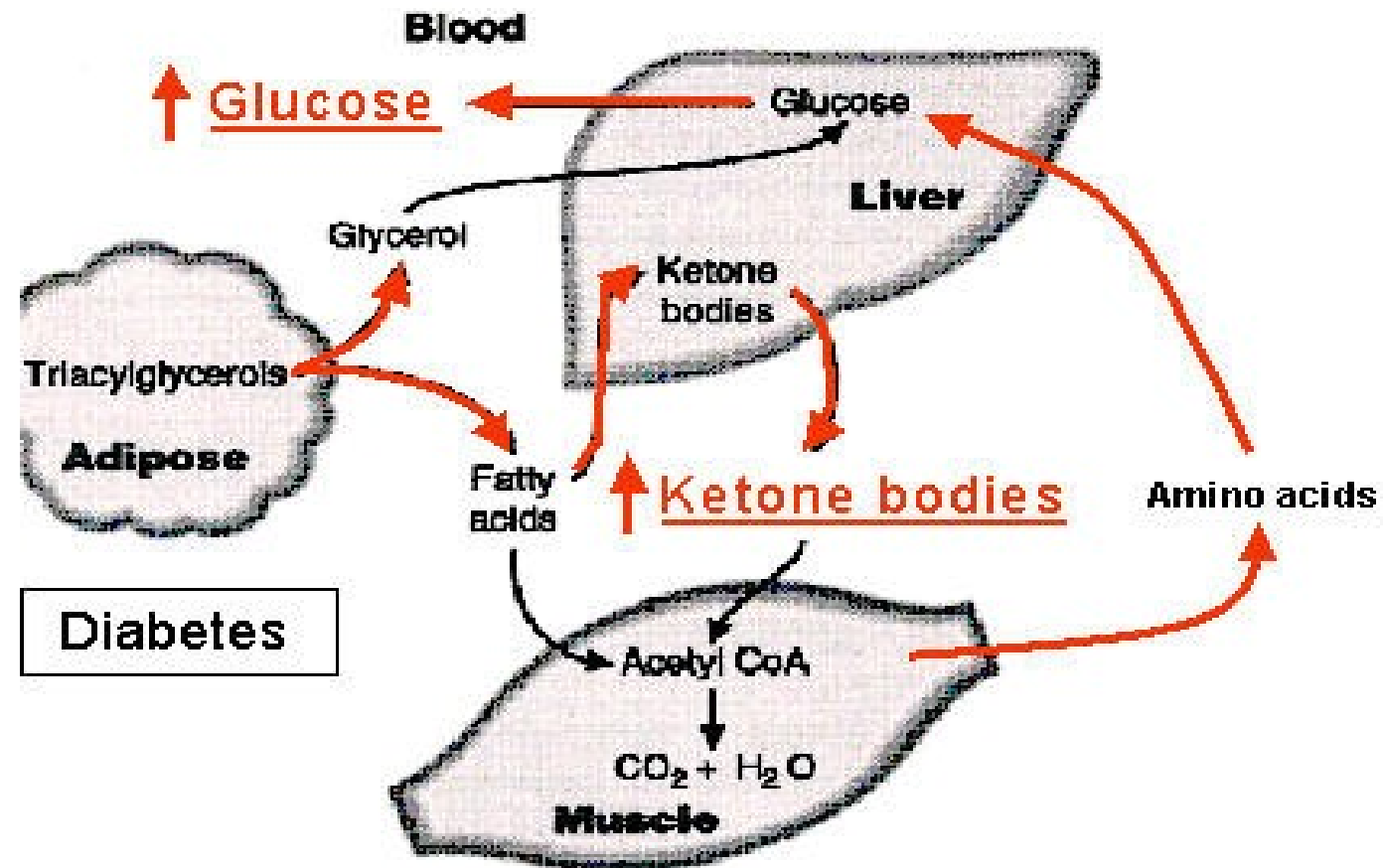
metabolism:

(-) synthesis of fatty acids and triglycerides, acceleration of lipid catabolism, with increased formation of ketone bodies,

because in absence of insulin □ □ hormone-sensitive lipase □ (+)

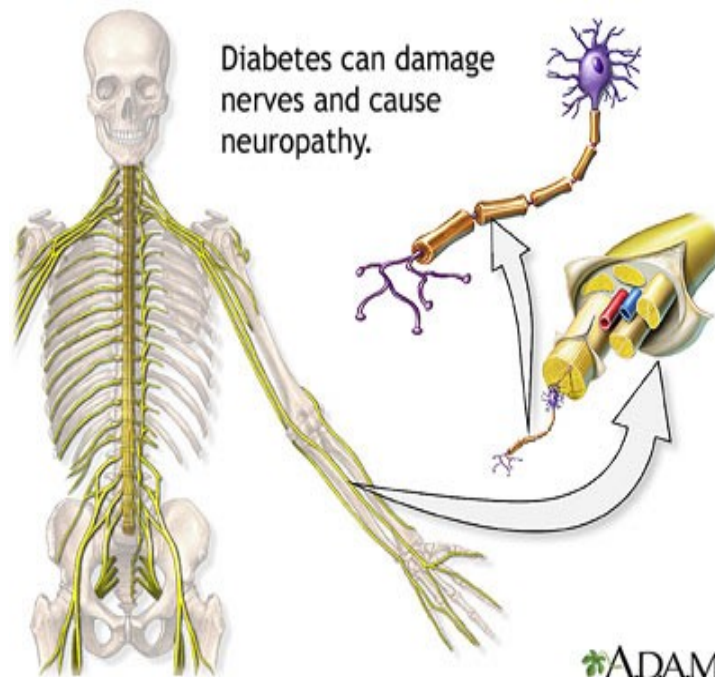
lipolysis □ □ free fatty acids levels □ catabolized in liver □ □ acetyl-

Energy metabolism, untreated diabetes

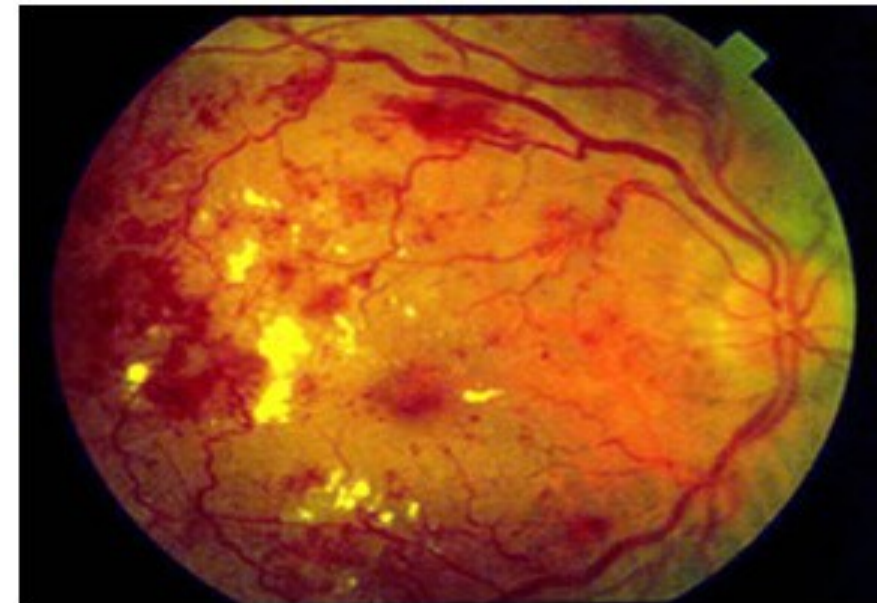


Diabetic Nephropathy

- High level of glucose in blood.
- Micro vessels of kidney may damage.
- Improper removal of the waste from blood.
- Protein in Urine.
- persisting state may lead to renal failure.



ADAM.



Normal vision



Vision with diabetic retinopathy

Glucagon Hormone



- **Site of release:**

Alpha cells of the islets of Langerhans in response to falling levels of blood glucose.

- **Nature:**

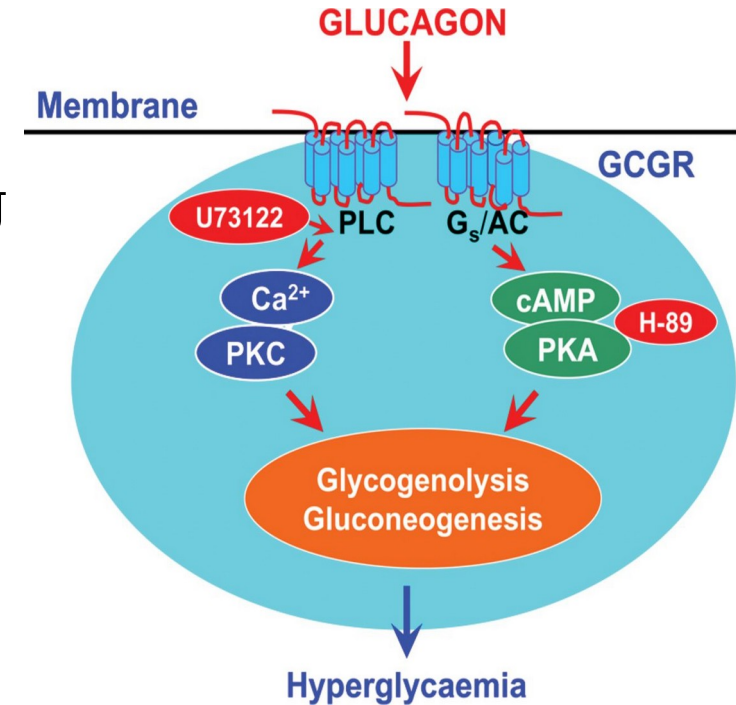
Peptide hormone (29 a.a).

- **Mechanism of action:**

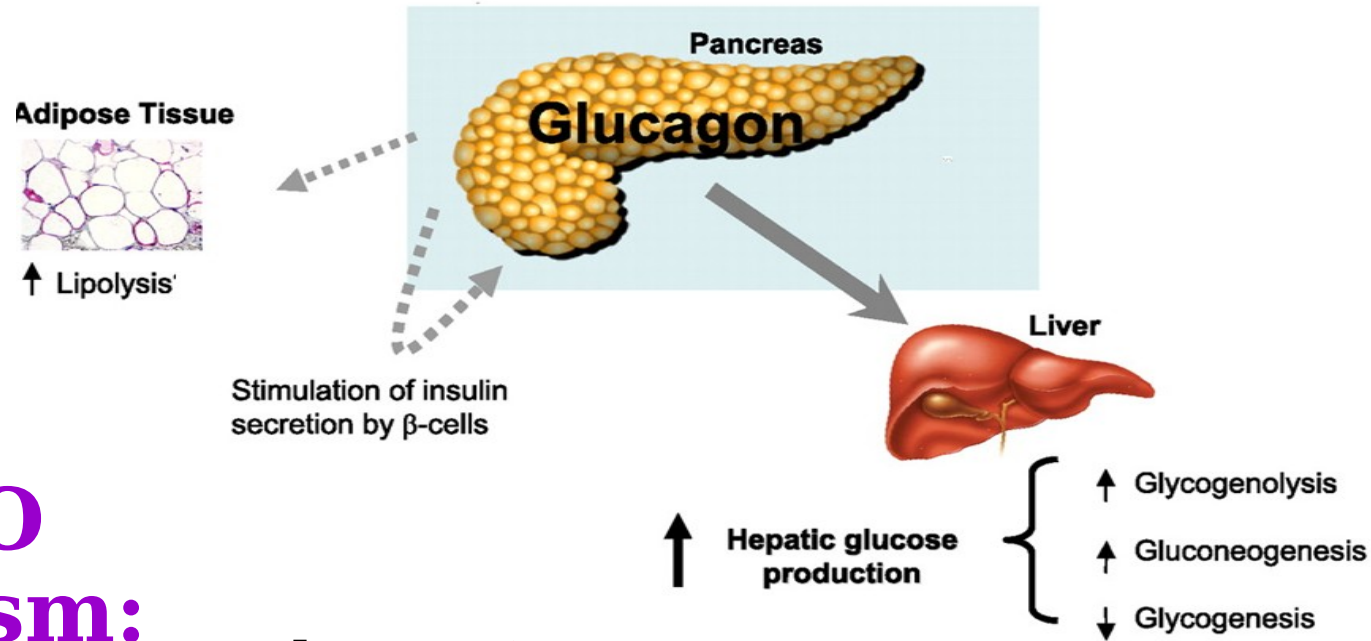
Hydrophilic hr act via G protein coupled receptors \rightarrow \uparrow cAMP.

- **Physiological actions:** are opposite to those of insulin

It is a **hyperglycemic**, **lipolytic** and **catabolic** hormone.



Glucagon Hormone



I. On CHO metabolism:

Hepatic glycogenolysis ↑

↑ gluconeogenesis (**How?**)

Amino acid transport into liver □ ↑ gluconeogenesis ↑ -1

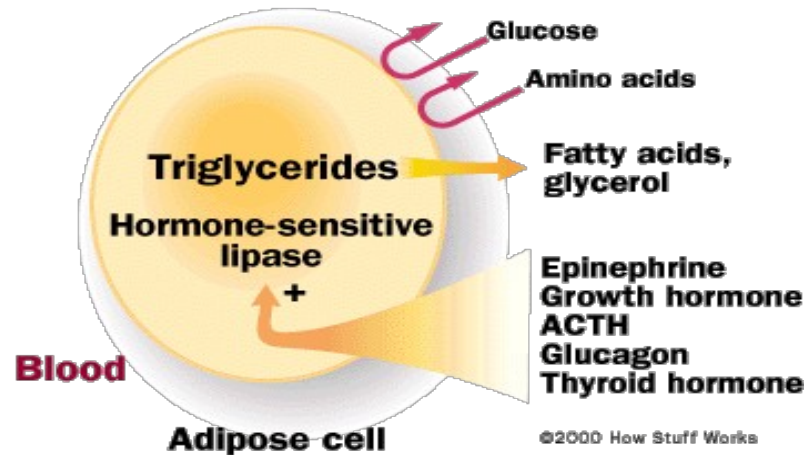
Lipolysis (TG □ glycerol □ ↑ gluconeogenesis) ↑ -2

So it is a hyperglycemic hormone

Glucagon Hormone



II. On fat metabolism:



- ↑ **Lipolysis** □ ↑ blood fatty acid & glycerol.

- Glycerol □ substrate for gluconeogenesis.

III. On protein metabolism:

- ↓ protein synthesis and ↑ protein catabolism (ketogenesis) (nitrogen balance). **So it is a lipolytic hormone.**

- **Calorigenic action**
- **+ve inotropic**
- **++ Secretion of insulin & Somatostatin.**

.The released amino acids are used for

Regulation of glucagon secretion

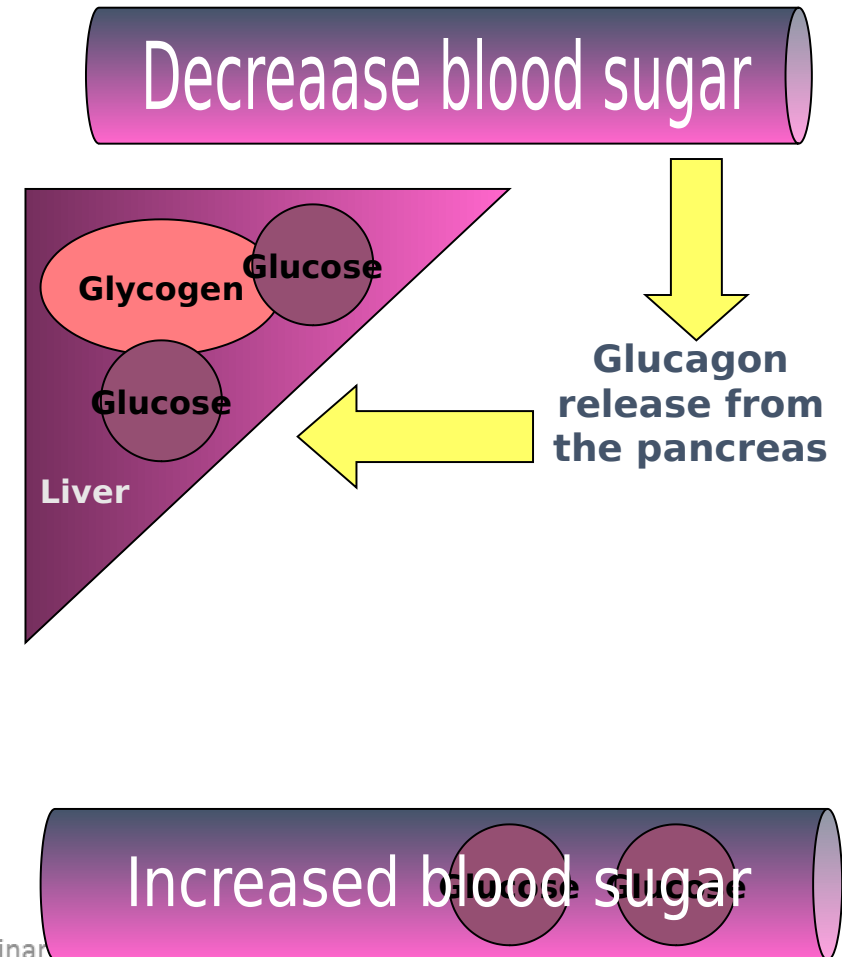
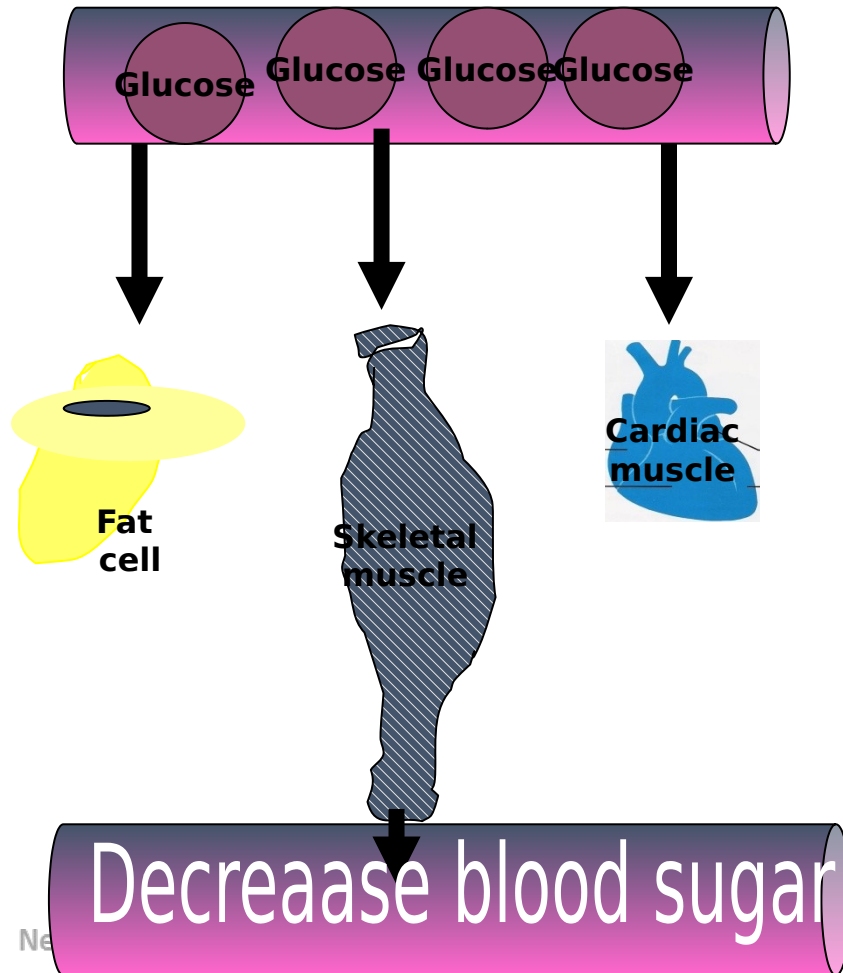
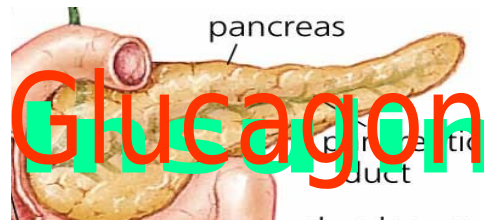


↑ Glucagon Secretion	↓ Glucagon Secretion
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hypoglycemia2. Amino acids3. Gastrin & CCK4. Exercise5. Stress6. β adrenergic stimulants7. Acetylcholine	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glucose2. FFA, Ketones3. Secretin4. Somatostatin & Insulin5. adrenergic stimulants

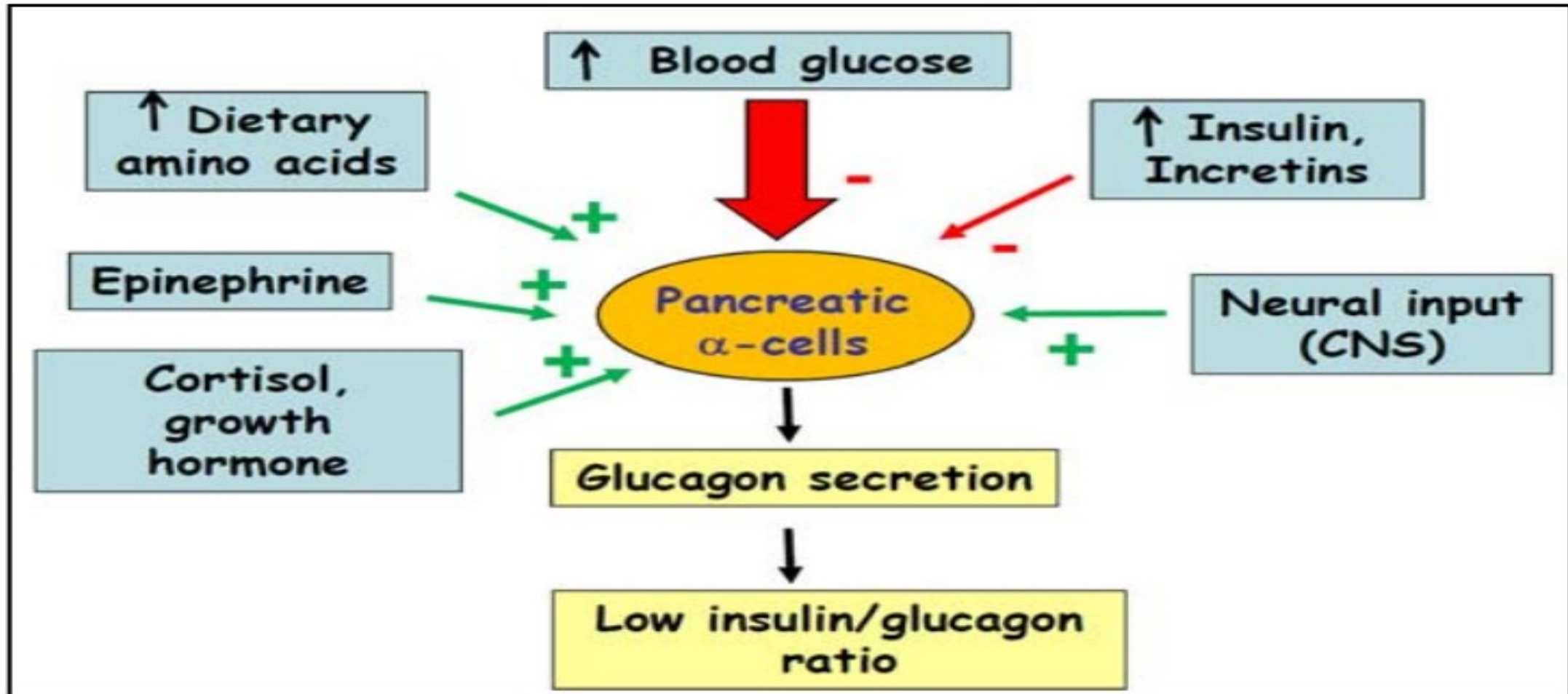
After meals



During fasting



Regulation of glucagon secretion



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Somatostatin Hormone



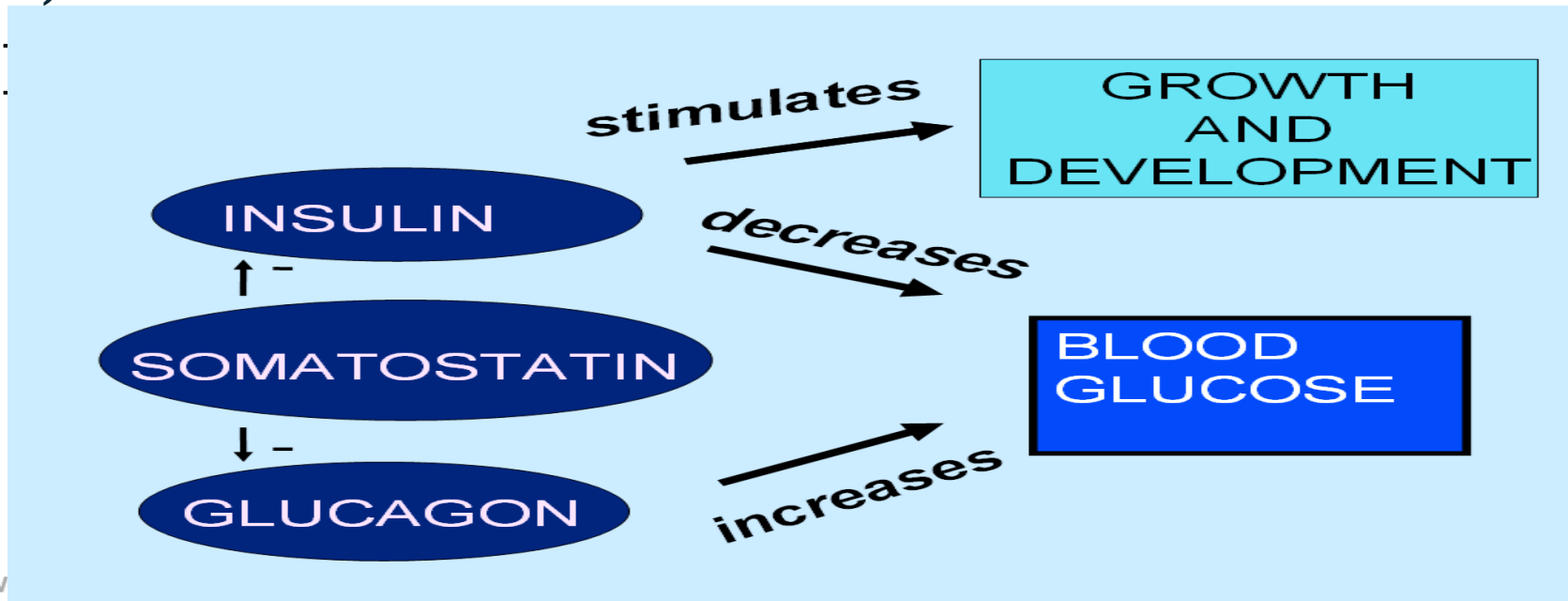
- **Site of release:** Delta-cells of pancreas, intestinal mucosa and hypothalamus.

- **Physiological actions:**

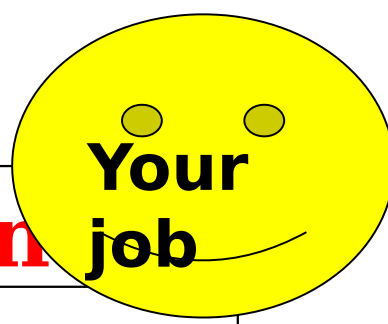
- 1- (-) both insulin and glucagon.

- (acts locally in a paracrine way pancreatic islets secretion)*

- 2- (-) G.



Insulin vs Glucagon (Compare?)



	Insulin	Glucagon
Site of release	Beta cells ...	Alpha cells...
Nature:	Peptide hr(51 a.a)	Peptide hr (29 a.a)
Mechanism of action:	(+) the tyrosine kinase activity of β subunit \square autophosphorylation.....	via G protein coupled receptors \square \square cAMP
Actions: CHO Lipid Protein	Hypoglycemic Lipogenic Anti-ketotic Anabolic	Hyperglycemic Lipolytic Ketogenetic Catabolic
	Hr. of energy store	Hr. of energy release
Stimulators	... \square bl.glucose, a.a, GIT hrs	\downarrow Bl.glucose, a.a, B agonists...
Inhibitors	...blood glucose & SS \downarrow	\square bl. Glucose, SS...
Its deficiency	Diabetes mellitus	Hypoglycaemia

(a) Fed State: Insulin Dominates



(b) Fasted State: Glucagon Dominates



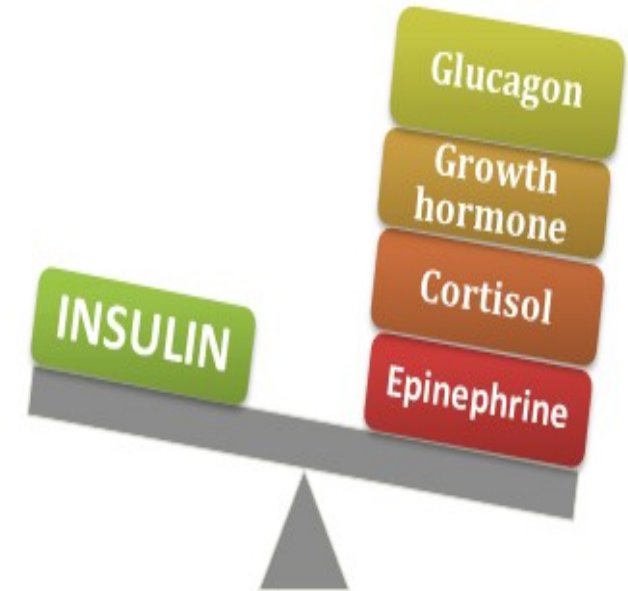
Hormones Regulating Glucose Metabolism



- The blood glucose level is regulated by a balance between insulin (*hypoglycemic*) and insulin antagonist (*hyperglycemic*) hormones.

Anti-insulin hormones (hyperglycemic hormones):

- 1- Glucagon.
 - 2- Epinephrine.
 - 3- Cortisol.
 - 4- Growth hormone.
 - 5- Thyroid hormone.
- they are important during hypoglycemia.



Hormones Regulating Glucose Metabolism



Glucagon

- 1- (+) hepatic glycogenolysis.
- 2- (+) hepatic gluconeogenesis.
- 3- (-) glycogen synthesis.

Epinephrine

- 1- (-) insulin secretion & (+) glucagon
- 2- (+) glycogenolysis in liver & muscles.
- 3- ↓ glucose uptake by the muscles.

Glucocorticoids

- 1- (-) insulin and (+) glucagon & epinephrine.
- 2- ↓ glucose uptake by the adipose tissue.
- 3 - (+) hepatic gluconeogenesis
 - Lipolysis in adipose tissue (□ glycerol for gluconeogenesis)
 - Breakdown of proteins (catabolic hormone) □ amino acids for gluconeogenesis).

Hormones Regulating Glucose Metabolism



Growth hormone

- 1- Decrease glucose uptake.
- 2- Decrease the number of insulin receptors.
- 3- (+) hepatic gluconeogenesis

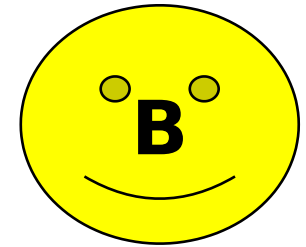
Thyroid Hormones

- 1- ↑ glucose absorption from GIT.
- 2- (+) gluconeogenesis.
- 3- (+) glycogenolysis.



Q1. Which of the following is true about pancreatic glucagon?

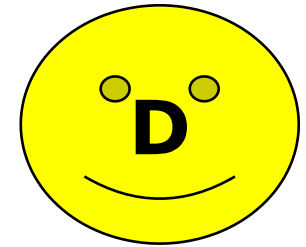
- a. Is a major hypoglycemic factor.
- b. Increases gluconeogenesis in liver.
- c. Increases glycogenolysis in muscles.
- d. Decreases the cAMP.
- e. Is a hormone of energy store.





Q2. Insulin secretion from β cells of pancreas is stimulated by:

- a. Somatostatin.
- b. Atropine.
- c. Activation of α -adrenergic receptors.
- d. GLP.
- e. Leptin.



SUGGESTED TEXTBOOKS



1. Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology.

<https://www.amazon.com/Guyton-Hall-Textbook-Medical-Physiology/dp/1455770051>

2. Ganong's Review of Medical Physiology, 25e. Chapter 21, pages (315 to 335)

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